

**MEETING SUMMARY**  
**PEST MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**May 1, 2003**

The forty- fourth meeting of the Pest Management Advisory Committee (PMAC) was held on Thursday, May 1, 2003, at the Department of Pesticide Regulation, 1001 I Street, Training Rooms 1 and 2, Sacramento, California, 95814.

**MEMBERS/ALTERNATES PRESENT (Based on Sign-In Sheets):**

Paul E Helliker, Director - Department of Pesticide Regulation  
Karen Heisler, U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 9  
Cindy Moore, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 9  
Rick Roush, UC- Statewide IPM Program  
Mark Tognazzini, California Agricultural Commissioners and Sealers Association  
Barry Wilson, UC Davis - Dept. of Environmental Toxicology  
Rick Melnicoe, UC Davis - Director, Dept. of Environmental Toxicology  
Rebecca Sisco, UC Davis - Western Region IR-4 Program  
Christine Bruhn, UC Davis - Director, Center for Consumer Research  
Mark Cady, Community Alliance for Family Farmers  
Maxwell Norton, UC Cooperative Extension Merced County  
Cliff Ohmart, Lodi Woodbridge Wine Grape Commission  
Robert Ehn, California Plant Health Association  
Laurie Nelson, Consumer Specialty Products Association  
Robert Curtis, California League of Food Processors  
Cynthia Cory, California Farm Bureau Federation  
Anne Katten, California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation

**ABSENT MEMBERS (Based on Sign-In Sheets):**

Steve Shaffer, California Department of Food and Agriculture  
Bill Thomas, Livingston & Mattesich  
Robert Bugg, UC Davis - SAREP  
Terry Olle, Californians for Pesticide Reform  
Joel Nelsen, California Citrus Mutual  
Matt Billings, Association of Natural BioControl Producers  
Pete Price, Price Consulting  
Mark Shelton, California State Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo  
Mel Androus, California Commodity Committee  
Robert Baker, Pest Control Operators of California  
Steve Pavich, Organic Farmers  
Dawit Zeleke, Nature Conservancy Program for Strategic Pest Management  
Kim Crum, California Agricultural Production Consultants Association

**INTERESTED PARTIES PRESENT (Based on Sign-In Sheets):**

Kevin Keefer, CPHA	<u>DPR Staff:</u>	Larry Wilhoit
Barbara Todd, CDFA	Veda Federighi	Marshall Lee
Terry Cage, CAAA	John Sanders	Charlie Hunter

## **AGENDA ITEMS**

### **1. INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS AND OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE AND AMENDMENT TO MEETING SUMMARY.**

Paul Helliker (Helliker) opened the meeting with introductions.

### **2. PROGRAM UPDATES**

#### Rulemaking Packages, Paul Helliker

- Three significant rulemaking packages currently undergoing development, notice and review are Groundwater, Methyl Bromide, and The Right-To-Know.
  - The groundwater rulemaking package is in draft form, and should be out in June.
  - The methyl bromide rulemaking package is in the process of being developed and is also expected to be out by June.
  - The right-to-know rulemaking package is information we provide to orchards as to what pesticides they can use. Worker Protection Standards require that information about these pesticides be accessible to workers at the worksite. We want to make sure that the information is communicated to the workers as effectively as possible, so they can have knowledge of what pesticides were used and what they may be exposed to in the workplace.
- More information on the status and development of each rulemaking package is listed at the following site: <http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/legbills/2003rulecalendar.pdf>

#### IPM Innovators' Award, Nan Gorder

- The IPM Innovators' Award Program was established in 1994.
- Since 1994, the program has awarded 70 agricultural and urban groups who have demonstrated their creative approaches to IPM and have provided leadership to others.
- DPR is reviewing 21 nomination applications that were received this year.

#### Continuing Education, Nan Gorder

- So far, DPR has processed 1,106 applications for continuing education credits.
- 100 more applications processed now compared to this same time last year.
- 2,700 applications were processed last year.
- Sponsors are doing a better job of sending in applications on time.

#### School IPM, Nan Gorder

- A successful training workshop was completed in San Diego.
- Currently, 365 school districts have actively said they would participate in workshops and training provided by DPR.
- Three additional training workshops are scheduled in Los Angeles, Davis, and Redding.

- Current Legislation: AB 1006 (Judy Chu), if passed, would ban the use of specific highly toxic pesticides on any school property.

### **3. SURFACE WATER POLICY, John Sanders**

The Surface Water Policy was developed in response to queries from the Regional Water Boards as more detections of pesticides in surface water were discovered. The policy describes how DPR is going to respond to these detections. More information and a copy of the surface water policy is available from our web site: <http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/sw/policies/respondpst.pdf>

### **4. ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE POLICY, Veda Federighi**

- Cal/EPA is mandated by law to have an environmental justice policy.
- All Cal/EPA BDOs are required to have plans for implementing environmental policy.
- A draft policy is already posted online: <http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/envjust/index.htm>
- Although DPR is already doing activities that are in the implementation plan, the need for writing a policy
  - takes into consideration that in all likelihood, the Administration will change in a 10-year period, and writing a policy down shows how important it is to the organization, and how committed the organization is to the issues.
  - conveys to everyone in the organization what the policy is so everyone will understand it.
  - allows for further diligence in improving those areas such as community outreach and getting the information out, in Spanish and all applicable languages.
  - conveys to farming communities (and others) regulatory decisions and explaining those decisions in a way the community understands, especially if the community does not agree with our regulatory decisions.
  - provides an opportunity for communities to participate in our decision-making process
- Statutes regarding environmental justice -
  - SB 115 establishes the requirement of Cal/EPA and BDOs to have a mission statement in place by January 2001. DPR has already done that.
  - SB 828 requires that all BDO look at strategies for developing environmental justice procedures in the organization. And by December 31, identify and address those program obstacles that impede environmental justice. Our policy is focused on SB 828.

Send us your comments by accessing our web site: <http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/envjust/index.htm>

### **5. 2001-02 DPR COST ANALYSIS REPORT**

Paul Helliker talked briefly about the 2001-02 Cost Analysis Report. A copy of the Cost Analysis Report is available on our web site: <http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/budgets/ab780310.pdf>

#### 2003-04 Budget Structure:

- Eliminate all general funds from DPR budget as well as other boards and departments
- Eliminate all pest management grant funds (\$350,000)

Legislation that may impact DPR funding:

- SB 533, (Romero) would give authority to county agricultural commissioners to impose fees on pesticide applicators for the use of regulating the restricted use of pesticides. This bill would also allow an additional unspecified mill assessment, which would be distributed directly to counties.

Status of sales of pesticides over the Internet:

- DPR need to analyze pesticide sales over the Internet to ensure sellers are complying with requirements of selling pesticides in California.
- Newly established unit in DPR planned on dedicating staff to analyze pesticide sales over the Internet. The position, however, was eliminated by budget cuts.

Raised registration fees:

- Question asked: are fees raised to reflect cost of registration or just setting numbers?
- Reminder/FYI: restricted or non-restricted status has no bearing on amount time required for scientific review or registration process.
- Concerns expressed: (1) should registration fees increase, it will be the small farmer and small agricultural researcher that will be penalized and (2) increased fees will whittle down the numerous registrations that registrants currently have.

## **6. DORMANT OP USE IN ALMONDS**

Larry Wilhoit and Minghua Zhang gave a power point presentation on the dormant use of OP in almonds.

## **7. OTHER BUSINESS AND ADJOURN**

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